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Lewis honored by Jefferson County Farm Bureau

INDIANAPOLIS—State Senator Jim Lewis (D-Charlestown) was recently honored by the Jefferson County Farm Bureau for his “extraordinary service, dedication to agriculture, and outstanding leadership.” The Jefferson County Farm Bureau also cited Lewis’ service to the Farm Bureau and his commitment to public service. Lewis was honored at the Jefferson County Farm Bureau’s Annual Meeting on September 14 in Madison.

“I am honored and pleased by this recognition. I was raised on a farm and know first-hand the importance of agriculture. Working on behalf of rural communities and farmers across the state is a top priority for me,” Lewis said.

Lewis is a member of the Indiana General Assembly’s Rural Caucus which acts as an advocate for the concerns and interests of rural communities. Rural areas face many challenges related to demographic changes, job creation, access to capital, land use, the environment, and community and historic preservation. Many rural communities are now working to improve infrastructure, broadband access, and community services that will increase standards of living and help them compete economically.

In 2010 Lewis co-authored Senate Enrolled Act 396 that will help to protect farmers and agriculture industries by improving the state’s methodology for assessing farmland. He said the change will help to reduce dramatic year-to-year increases in property tax assessments.

Jim Lewis has spent a lifetime working to improve the lives of Hoosiers. Elected to the Indiana Senate in 1974, after serving four years in the Indiana House of Representatives, Lewis has served as the Senate’s Democrat Caucus Chairperson and now serves as the Assistant Democratic Caucus Chair. A steadfast representative of his district, he has cast votes on 98.61 percent of the nearly 17,000 eligible roll calls throughout his career in the State Senate.

In addition to his leadership position, Lewis serves as the ranking Democrat on the Natural Resources Committee. He also serves on the Agriculture and Small Business; Insurance and Financial Institutions; Homeland Security, Transportation and Veteran Affairs; and Appointments and Claims standing committees as well as the Transportation and Insurance Subcommittees.

For more information on Sen. Lewis, his legislative agenda or other State Senate business call 800-382-9467 or visit www.in.gov/s45.

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